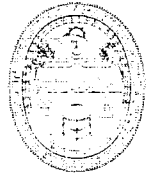


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February 19, 1999

Tom Balf
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Dear Tom,

As you requested, we have attached a record of the local stakeholders' meeting we have conducted to date. We have attempted to include as many parts of both the UVM and the Burlington communities as we think may be interested in the development of the XL project for the laboratory management of hazardous waste in this process.

As you are aware, this is a rather specialized subject and most people we have discussed this with are not familiar with the issue in any depth. Therefore, we have provided various levels of background information to them about the concerns around the management of laboratory waste. For this reason, the handouts and other materials have varied for each meeting where we present this issue, to take into account varying levels of awareness. We have included samples of the handout materials which are representative of the materials we have provided to the audiences.

Let us know if you have any other questions about this.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Milly Archer".

Milly Archer
Environmental Safety
Compliance Manager

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph Stuart".

Ralph Stuart
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The representative of the Burlington Board of Health indicated an interest in helping to further develop the stakeholder process as the project proceeds. Other community groups we met with indicated that they felt comfortable with the current level of information available.

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January, 1998:

Environmental Council meeting

see <http://esf.uvm.edu/envcncl/meetings/mn1-98.html>

March, 1998:

UVM Chemical and Biological Safety Committee regular meeting

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Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

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Attendees: environmental managers of 12 Vermont businesses

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Dale Rochleau, Downs Rachlin and Martin

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Tom Balf, ML Strategies

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Vermont Small Business Development Center

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Balf, Tom

From: Ralph Stuart, University of Vermont [rstuart@esf.uvm.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 05, 1999 3:10 PM
To: Tom Balf; Gioia Thompson
Subject: Vt Stakeholder's Write-up

Here is the draft of the stakeholder's write-up I have been promising Tom for months. The last meeting listed has yet to occur.

- Ralph

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Burlington Board of Health

Kathleen Butler, staff

Chittenden County Solid Waste District

Jennifer Holliday, Unregulated Hazardous Waste, Safety & Permit

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